Air services in Jammu and Kashmir

505. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gurez, Tangdar, Poonch, Rajouri and Kistawar are economically backward areas of the Jammu and Kashmir and remain cut off from the country during winter; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide air services to these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. These are economically backward areas but not all of them remain cut off during winter.

(b) Subject to economic viability of operations and availability of infrastructure, Vayudoot has plans to provide air services to Rajouri, Poonch and Kistawar.

Accidents involving buses operating under D.T.C.

506. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons killed by Delhi Transport Corporation buses in Delhi during the last three years and upto 15th November, 1985;

(b) whether the persons killed, by private buses running under DTC operation are also included in it, if so, what is their number and if not, the number of persons killed by private buses operating under DTC;

(c) what are the reasons of the high casualty by these buses; and

(d) what is the total amount of compensation by the DTC and private bus owners paid during the above period and what is the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The information is as under:—

Year	No. of buses in DTC fleet	No. of persons killed
1982	3877	218
1983	4048	226
1984	4004	229
1985	4031	215 (Up to the 15th November, 1985)

(b) No Sir. According to the information received by the DTC, the number of persons killed in accidents involving private buses under DTC operation is given below:—

Year	No. of P.O. buses under DTC	No. of persons killed
1982	752	Not available
1983	798	Not available
1984	1163	79
1985	1385	83 (Up to the 15th November, 1985)

These figures are registered by Delhi Poilce in that area.